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SUBJECT: MID-TERM REVIEW TALKS U.S. - ROMANIAN EXCHANGES
AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 1972

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1. REVIEW BY USG AGENCIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN EXCHANGES WITH ROMANIA SHOWS THERE IS GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH MANNER EXCHANGES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. THERE FOLLOW A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY EMBASSY AND POSSIBLE TRANSMISSION TO ROMANIANS DURING DECEMBER 20 DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN GENERAL, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES AGREEMENT IS WORKING WELL, BUT ROMANIANS SHOULD BE REMINDED ONCE AGAIN OF IMPORTANCE OF GETTING NOMINATIONS OF THEIR GRANTEES UNDER ACADEMIC PROGRAM (ARTICLE I) IN WELL IN ADVANCE OF

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DATE THEY EXPECT TO BEGIN PROGRAMS. APPLICATIONS MUST

BE ACCOMPANIED BY AS MUCH DATA AS POSSIBLE ON ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND PROPOSED STUDY PLANS IN ORDER FOR US SIDE TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SUITABLE PROGRAMS. INFORMATION ON ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT.

3. ACCORDING TO IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS, GOR IS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR INTERNAL EXPENSES OF US SCHOLARS, SUCH AS TRAVEL AND LODGING, REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM OF STUDY. SEVERAL US SCHOLARS HAVE ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS IN GETTING FUNDS. APPARENTLY, BUREAUCRATIC ARRANGEMENTS EFFECTIVELY NULLIFY GOR'S GOOD INTENTIONS. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF US REPRESENTATIVES COULD URGE ROMANIANS TO MAKE GOOD ON PROMISES, ESPECIALLY SINCE ROMANIAN SCHOLARS HERE HAVE THESE EXPENSES PAID AS MATTER OF COURSE.
4. EMBASSY ALSO SHOULD REMIND ROMANIANS WE ARE EXPECTING VISIT OF ROMANIAN EDUCATION DELEGATION THIS SPRING AND THEY SHOULD SUBMIT NAMES OF DELEGATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THEIR PROGRAMS CAN BE ARRANGED.
5. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION REPORTS THAT UNDER NSF/NCST PROGRAM BOTH SIDES RECEIVE REPORTS OF PROGRESS FROM INVESTIGATORS OF EACH COUNTRY UNDER COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS. NSF HAS RECEIVED DISAPPOINTING REPORTS FROM AMERICAN INVESTIGATORS IN TWO PROJECTS. WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY HAS NOT RECEIVED ROMANIAN INVESTIGATORS FROM THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF TIMISOARA AND NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT HAVE REPORTS OF RESEARCH PROGRESS AT THE CENTER FOR PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY. NSF REQUESTS EMBASSY TO BRING THESE DEFICIENCIES TO ATTENTION OF NCST, EXPRESSING NSF'S HOPE FOR IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT. EMBASSY MAY NOTE THAT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY IS NOW PREPARING ITS PROPOSAL FOR RENEWAL OF ITS PROJECT IN 1974. IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL NSF WILL WISH TO USE EVIDENCE OF RESEARCH PROGRESS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON BOTH SIDES.

6. USIA HAS ALREADY CONVEYED ITS COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 20 MEETING TO RENTSCHLER.

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7. HEW IS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH ROMANIAN SIDE OF ITS EXCHANGES AND HAS NO PROBLEMS TO TAKEUP AT MID-TERM TALKS.

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